



DDPIT Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2017

Participants:

Present: Ambrosia Jackson (MCCMH); Andrea Sarto (North Country CMH); Barbara LeRoy (MI-DDI); Barb Valliere (UCP); Belinda Hawks (MDHHS); Brent Mikulski (STEP); Chris Lerchen (ARC of NW Wayne); Chris Zeigler (MRC Industries); Dohn Hoyle (ARC); Ellen Hyman (MDHHS); Jim Dehem (CLS); Joe Fraam (Hope Network); Kathleen Kovach (OCCMHA); Kathy Lentz (KCMHSAS); Mary Phillips (Livingston CMH); Robert Stein (MALA); Sherri Boyd (ARC); Todd Culver (MARO); Vendella Collins (DD Council); Yasmina Bouraoui (DD Council); Amy Peckinpugh (MDHHS)

Phone: Beth Schliska (Hiawatha Behavioral Health); Don Schuster (Listening Ear); Lucy Wilcox (NorthCare Network); Nicole Lawson (OCCMHA); Teresa Tokarczyk (Au Sable Valley CMH); Tracy Duncan (St. Clair County CMH)

Guests: Mark McWilliams (MPAS); Sara Grivetti (Independent Living Council); Joe Longcor [Phone](MDHHS); Millie Shepherd (MDHHS HCBS Specialist); Tom Watkins (CEO DWMHA)

Absent: Charlyss Ray (MDHHS); Cheri Johnson (MMI, Inc.); Denise Clark (Pathways CMH); Elmer Cerano (MPAS); Gary Smith (Allegan CMH); John Williams (Progressive Lifestyles); Jackie Igafo-Te'o (parent); Lori Baumgart (MCCMH); Mick Sheridan (Copper Country CMH); Shannan Clevenger (Lifeways CMH); Sharon Milberger (MI-DDI); Will Morris (Sanilac CMH)

Meeting Minutes and Action Items:

- Reviewed minutes from November 9, 2016. Word correction made on page three.
- Belinda Hawks provided an update on the pending 1115 Waiver and the Home and Community-Based Services implementation:
 - The approval for the 1115 Waiver remains pending. The original plan was for approval in January and operationalization in March 2017.
 - Discussion occurred regarding an approval of the SUD waiver; not the whole application. Michigan is seeking approval of the whole application.
 - Michigan has received approval of 1915(b) and 1915(c) extension letters going through March 2017.
 - BHDDA plans to work with/provide technical assistance to the PIHP leads for waivers.
 - Group discussed challenges related to waivers and the spend-down process.
 - An update on the HCBS Implementation was provided by Belinda Hawks.
 - The second phase of HCBS surveys will end in January 2017. MI-DDI is working/contracted with MDHHS on support to the PIHPs in the survey process.
 - The HCBS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) meets every-other month. Next meeting is January 19. The residential provider readiness group will start meeting this Friday.
 - The survey will produce data which is stored in the WSA (waiver support application) system. Data will result in reports that indicate compliance which will produce a notification letter showing areas out of compliance. This information will be sent to providers. Plan is to make available by February 2017. When a provider receives a non-compliance report, a validation is not required; assume the data is correct. Note: Data will be extracted from phase one – phase two shortly afterwards.
 - Group reviewed glitches with phase two surveys. Region 2 indicated providers are having issues. Follow-up will be provided to Region 2.

- Regarding CMS and the statewide transition plan, meetings are scheduled next week to review public comments received electronically and through paper.
- Robert Stein, Kathy Lentz, and Dohn Hoyle provided a licensing update:
 - Bob Stein reviewed members on the residential subgroup are working on a HCBS provider readiness tool for residential settings. MDHHS-BHDDA site review form includes several questions related to compliance with the HCBS rule. There is also a non-residential tool which is being developed.
 - The licensing issue has not had much movement since the November DDPIT meeting. Senate Bill SB1141 did not move during the lame duck session; likely to be reintroduced with modifications.
 - The bureau's (LARA) position remains when all of the elements of adult foster care are provided, a license is required. The elements are: Personal care, supervision and protection, and room and board.
 - There continues to remain a reluctance to move ahead with new development of supportive living arrangements.
 - Reviewed AG's Office has not taken action; letters sent but not acted upon.
- Yasmina Bouraoui provided an update on the Employment First implementation proposal:
 - Yasmina Bouraoui shared the plan to meet with Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley regarding a proposal for implementation of the Employment First executive order. In addition to Yasmina Bouraoui, Todd Culver (MARO) and Sara Grivetti (Independent Living Council) assisted in development of this proposal and will attend the meeting scheduled for January 2017.
 - Reviewed changes needed in the following areas: The rehab council having a different set of expertise than what is needed, those involved in the implementation not having financial ties to the work that is needed, and focusing on the work that needs to occur to implement the executive order.
 - Discussed ODEP (Office of Disability Employment Policy) work starting the direction of needed change. Group plans to use some ODEP content for the proposal.
 - Reviewed rate and reimbursement change to incentivize outcomes. Additional support needed for a more seamless collaboration with school to work.
 - Members reviewed frustration with the length of time for movement to occur; Employment data for Michigan continuing to decline; Drastic changes needed for Individuals; Creating funding to incentivize and pay for outcomes; Training; Supporting partners who are employers in the community; and Working on policy changes.
 - Group reviewed progress with the ODEP grant. Chris Zeigler (MRC Industries) shared success with their organization through ODEP.
 - Group requested more of this type of information to be shared. ODEP has a membership. The information for membership will be emailed to DDPIT members. Information is also available through MARO.
- Tom Watkins discussed behavioral health transformation:
 - Tom Watkins shared changes at DWMHA; challenges with moving from a county to an authority; overcoming general fund deficit; rebuilding back to an improved financial status; moving to a new location; a direct care wage increase; and being a consumer-focused, data-driven, evidence-based organization.
 - Reviewed supporting Flint through half-a-million dollars.
 - Reviewed positives with the ban of the use of restraint and seclusion practices in non-emergency situations; and Speaker Tom Leonard's position on individuals incarcerated who instead need the support of the mental health system.
 - Discussed making the needed changes through employment, being mindful of the 298 process – pressure to find efficiencies.
 - Tom Watkins reviewed additional possible short term impacts on public behavioral health – Medicaid block grant; strains on the state budget; and the push for changes in the age for students who receive supports and services from the special education system.
 - Group was encouraged to turn an opposing party's ideology into something positive.

- Barb Valliere commended Tom Watkins for his work.
- Ellen Hyman reviewed a draft of the Person-Centered Planning Policy:
 - Ellen reviewed this is a draft policy and a contract requirement. This is the fourth Person-Centered Planning policy which has been revised to incorporate the HCBS rule. In addition wording was changed to simplify the reading of the draft policy.
 - Ellen will present to PISC and additional groups if needed for review.
 - DDPIT members are to review and provide recommendations to Ellen Hyman by February 14. Amy will send the draft policy to group members as a Word document incorporating changes of the 298 language, as related to the policy.
- Future Discussion for DDPIT:
 - Review of MI Health Link related to integration of the health of individuals with I/DD – what are we doing with MI Health Link and how is health being integrated.
 - Update and discussion with Tom Renwick.
 - National perspective employment discussion with John Butterworth, Rie Kennedy-Lizotte and Joe Longcor.
 - ODEP EF Grant Initiatives and accomplishments with Yasmina Bouraoui and group.
 - Update on Person-Centered Planning Policy with Ellen Hyman.
 - Continue with updates on licensing from Robert Stein and group.
 - Focus on NCI areas for improvement and policy change with Barbara LeRoy.
 - Review disparities across the state and the improvement process including how to enforce Person-Centered Planning.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting is Wednesday March 8, 2017 - 12:30-3:30 pm in Lansing. Note an increased timeframe for this meeting due to a robust agenda.